

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A process for manufacturing a primary unit pack of a wafer, the wafer having a predetermined length and a predetermined width, the process comprising the following steps:

providing a laminate comprising a carrier sheet and an active substance film being detachably connected to said carrier sheet and having a front end, ~~two sides and a predetermined length;~~

~~cross-cutting the active substance film at the active substance film predetermined length; and~~

~~detaching said active substance film from the carrier sheet and the wafer;~~
providing two packaging material webs ~~and guiding said active substance film between said two packaging material webs;~~

~~conveying said active substance film and said two packaging material webs forwardly to a sealing station;~~

~~sealing the packaging material webs to form a bag; and~~
~~separating said bag from said two packaging material webs;~~
~~detaching said active substance film from the carrier sheet and the wafer;~~
pulling said carrier sheet forward, and thereby also the active substance film,
forward over the predetermined length of the wafer that is to be produced ~~and simultaneously guiding the active substance film, without subjecting said active substance film to mechanical stress, said active substance film front end being between said two packaging material webs, while said two packaging material webs are in a resting condition, said active substance film being received and fixed by said two packaging material webs;~~

while pulling said carrier sheet forward, simultaneously guiding said detached active substance film, with its front end first, between said two packaging material webs while these webs are in a resting condition, without subjecting said active substance film to a mechanical stress, and whereby the active substance film is fixed between said two

packaging material webs;

after guiding said detached active substance film between said two packaging material webs, transversely cutting said active substance film at a distance from said two packaging material webs to form a wafer of the [[wafer]] predetermined length;

pulling the wafer forward together and synchronously with said two packaging material webs while the wafer is fixed between these webs;

conveying the wafer and said two packaging material webs forwardly to a [[the]] sealing station; [[and]]

sealing the packaging material webs outside of the area of the wafer, ~~said wafer being fixed between said two packaging material webs~~ to form a pouch or bag enclosing said wafer; and [[.]]

separating said pouch or bag from the packaging material webs.

2. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of guiding the active substance film in a vertical alignment between said two packaging material webs and feeding said two packaging material webs in on both sides of said active substance film.

3. (previously presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the step of detaching said active substance film from the carrier sheet comprises the step of detaching the active substance film from the carrier sheet on a device selected from the group consisting of an edge and a deflecting roll.

4. (previously presented) The process according to claim 3, wherein the step of detaching said active substance film from the carrier sheet comprises the step of arranging a stripping device between the active substance film and the carrier sheet.

5. (currently amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the ~~step of conveying said active substance film and said two packaging material webs for feeding and~~ steps of pulling the carrier sheet and guiding the detached active substance film between said two packaging material webs comprise [[comprises]] the further steps of guiding said two packaging material webs over a clamping device during the [[detaching]] separating of the wafer from the active substance film by transverse cutting and during the forward

conveying of said two packaging material webs and pressing said two packaging material webs against the active substance film to prevent relative motion between the wafer and the packaging material webs by means of said clamping device.

6. (currently amended) A device for manufacturing a primary unit pack of a wafer, said device comprising:

- a supply device for a laminate including an active substance film having a front end and a carrier sheet;

- a separating roll for detaching the active substance film from the carrier sheet;

- a pulling device for the carrier sheet and for the active substance film;

- a crosscutting device for cutting the active substance film;

- a device for feeding and pulling two packaging material webs, said device ~~for feeding and pulling the packaging material webs~~ comprising a receiving and clamping device for the front end of the active substance film, said receiving and clamping device being arranged in a vertical direction below the separating roll and below the crosscutting device;

- a heatable sealing tool for sealing the packaging material to form a side-sealed bag; and

- a cutting device for separating the side-sealed bag from the packaging material web.

7. (previously presented) The device for manufacturing a primary unit pack of a wafer according to claim 6, wherein the receiving and clamping device comprises at least one pair of clamping rollers, said two packaging material webs being conveyed between said at least one pair of clamping rollers, said at least one pair of clamping rollers being movable between a receiving position and a clamping position for receiving and securing the active substance film, and being transversely movable relative to each other and in an opposite direction relative to each other.

8. (previously presented) The device according to claim 7 wherein two pairs of clamping rollers are arranged one above the other.